

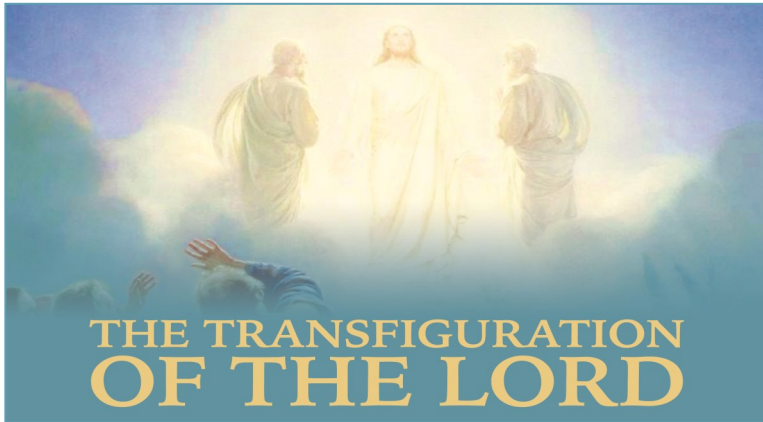
# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of Amarillo



## REFLECTION

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today's epistle. Peter writes, "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it." Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an "eyewitness" to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.

## Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)  
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 AM  
 Wednesday-Friday: 7:00 AM  
 Tuesday: 6:00 PM  
 Holy Days: (to be announced)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:30-6:30 PM  
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM  
 Other times by appointment

## Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to schedule a date and time. Parents and sponsors must attend a Baptism class. One sponsor must be Catholic and at least 16 years of age.

## Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

These sacraments combine into one sacramental preparation program which takes two consecutive years of religious education classes to complete. Students must be at least in first grade to begin this preparation.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

This sacrament takes two consecutive years of faith formation to complete. Students must be in at least sixth grade before beginning this preparation.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the Pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding.

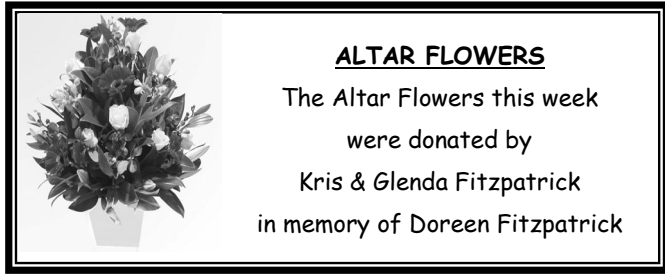
## Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish secretary of any sick or elderly shut-ins and all those in the hospital.

## The Rite of Christian Initiation

**The program for adults (RCIA)** is open to non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and to Catholics who have not celebrated the Sacraments. This process is offered on an ongoing basis.

## Parish News



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this week  
were donated by  
Kris & Glenda Fitzpatrick  
in memory of Doreen Fitzpatrick

**ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB** will meet **Mon., Aug. 7, at 7:00 p.m.** in Msgr. Tash Hall. All men of the parish are invited. Join us for food, fun, fellowship and service to the parish. All are welcome to pray the rosary with us beforehand at 6:30 in the chapel.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 87:** Our Boy Scout Troop 87 has served the parish for 30 years this year which is a great accomplishment. Later this year we are going to have a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. If you would like to help with this celebration please attend a planning meeting at **7:30 p.m., on Tues, Aug. 8, in the library.** The Golden Eagle District has honored our troop with four awards for 2016. These awards were for the most Eagle Scouts, most service hours, most rank advancements, and most popcorn sales. Please join us on Aug. 8, to help plan a wonderful celebration. If you have questions, please contact James Schulte, 806-355-4629, or Patty Crosson, 806-418-2424.

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Young Adults will be meeting **Tues., Aug. 8, in The Dwelling at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Please join us for a faith balloon race. The next Theology on Tap will be **Thurs., Aug. 17, at the IDK Bar & Grill.** Guest speaker will be Joe Garcia with eCatholic. All young adults are invited. **Please contact Caleb Hubbard at [chubbard92@gmail.com](mailto:chubbard92@gmail.com), to get on the Young Adult email list.**

**LIGHT WEIGH ONE KING** A One King Orientation will be held on **Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room.** If you have any questions, please call or text Susanne Mills at 806-316-7557.

**YOUNG IN SPIRIT:** Are you new to the parish and/or looking for a senior group? If so, come join **Young in Spirit** each second Sun. of the month. You can enjoy a catered meal and a program for only \$5.00. **Please join the group when they meet on Aug. 13, at 4:30 p.m., in the Msgr. Tash Hall (use Entrance D.)** Call Eunice Schilling, 351-0787 or Norma Hellman, 223-3404, to make a reservation (if you are new to parish & interested in this group.)

## Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
July 30, 2017	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 27,641.52	\$ 810.52
Month-to-Date	\$134,155.00	\$133,561.31	(\$ 583.69)

*"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."  
~MATTHEW 17:2*

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

*~Office of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal*

## Prayer Intentions

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Kate Schmidt, Ben Canales, Marilyn Brzostowski, Clea Bustos, Steve Chontos, Elizabeth Stone, Terry Moenter, Carmen Oviedo, Lynn Gerken, Glenda Fassauer, Braxton Sandoval, Cheryle Wayne, Jerry Stone, Jerry Terry, Esther York, Shanna O'Gorman, Mike O'Neill, Angie Van Bakel, Mark Ortega, Bill Hughes, Jeannette Kaminski, Mary Maalouf, Emile Jones, Nadine Hadley, Brian Dolan, Robert Mitchell, Madeline Arrott, Lupita Randon, Carolyn Shoberg, Betty Cutting, Judy Allen, Roy Steele, Jordan Barrientez, Gilbert Ybarra, Paul & Catherine Kiefer, Doug Tyler, Nancy Kulman Family.

### OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

Cruz Rey Esparza, Sheldon Fowler, Shelby Lopez, A. J. Serafin, Lee Wingfield, Sean Callahan, Bryan Revell, John Nussbaum, Rachel Nussbaum, Matt Nussbaum, Christopher Schrock, David Oviedo Cantu, Jacob Bitonel, Jason Freeby, Brandon Owens, Jacob Tumbelson, T. J. Pevehouse, Swasey Brown, Cody Keese, Justin Spencer

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER CHAIN:** Do you know someone in need of special prayers? The Prayer Chain is always taking requests. If you would be interested in joining this worthwhile ministry or if you have a prayer chain request, **please contact Debi Banach at 358-2461, Ext. 107.**



## More Parish News

**DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:** We will be starting our **Divine Mercy Cenacle study on The Diary of Saint Faustina on Tues., Aug. 22, in the Marian Room, from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m.** We'll have a 50 minute DVD about Saint Faustina, pray the Chaplet, then discuss what our study entails. We feel that we have a priceless treasure with this study and we want to make it available to anyone interested. There isn't a fee. We'll have light Refreshments. If you have questions, please call Rosie Sisneros at 681-3185 or email [sisneros@att.net](mailto:sisneros@att.net).

**ST. THOMAS BRIDGE CLUB:** The St. Thomas Bridge Club welcomes all bridge players to join. **They play on the third Sun. of each month at 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor. The start date for the year will be Sun., Sept. 17.** To join, find yourself a partner and call Jim or Evelyn King. 806-355-2707.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At this time, an **Adorer is needed for Thurs., 3:00 a.m.** If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright at 806-570-9776.**

**CRUCIFIX FOR VOCATIONS:** Thank you to all individuals and families who have signed up to take the vocations crucifix for a week of prayer for the increase in vocations to religious life. Your time and prayers are very much appreciated.

## Youth Schedule and Events

High School STAY is no longer meeting for the Summer. All Youth, FAST, Middle School STAY & High School STAY will start back one the new school year is underway. Be on the lookout for information about the first meeting. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation.

## Holy Cross Corner



Holy Cross Catholic Academy welcomes Adrian Johnson!

Mr. Johnson is a convert to Catholicism; he entered the Church at the Easter Vigil in 2014. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Evangelization and Catechesis from Benedictine

College in Atchison, Kansas. He has been married for 5 years and has a 2 year old daughter. The Johnson family moved to Canyon from Kansas City, Missouri, as Mr. Johnson accepted a position of Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon. He taught a High School religion class on the "Mystery of Redemption" in the 2014-2015 school year.

Welcome Adrian!

## More Parish News

**BAPTISM CLASS:** If you are new parents and/or sponsors, you are required to attend a Baptism class before the reception of the sacrament. Please call the parish office, 358-2461, to register for the next scheduled class.

**ST. THOMAS ROSARY GROUP:** If you are interested in praying the rosary with a group once a week, you are welcome to join the **St. Thomas Rosary Group** each **Thurs. morning at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel.** Afterwards, they meet in the Parlor for some refreshments and fellowship.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** When making payments to **United Catholic Appeal and/or Preparing the Way Campaign**, please mail those payments to the **Stewardship & Development Office, Diocese of Amarillo, P. O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117.** We receive these payments here at St. Thomas and have to forward them to the Diocese (where the records are kept), thus resulting in the parish paying the postage. Thank you for your cooperation.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. THOMAS:** St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo, Texas is seeking a Youth Minister. The Youth Minister will oversee and facilitate youth ministry to approximately 120 youth between 4th and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. This full-time, salary compensated position requires night and weekend work. Candidates must be faithful, energetic Catholics in good standing with the Church. **All candidates should submit resumes to the Parish Office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 4100 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79109.**

## Around the Diocese

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, AMARILLO** will be hosting a **Steak Dinner, Dance & Casino Night, Sat., Aug. 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight.** Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at **Laurencio Stone Events, 310 S. Ross St., Amarillo.** Tickets, which are **\$75.00 per person**, are now on sale and can be purchased by calling 806-678-8725. All proceeds will go toward the remodeling of St. Joseph's Church.

**RETRouvaille: Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend struggling or even heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the **August program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 25-27, call Paul or Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520 or email us at [retropairamarillo@gmail.com](mailto:retropairamarillo@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES FALL BALL: Silent Auction Items Needed.** The Catholic Charities Fall Ball Committee is seeking silent auction items for the event on **Sept. 23.** Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle seeks every day to put the words of the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-11) into action by providing food, eye care, housing, refugee resettlement services, immigration services, interpretation services and shelter for youth. Please consider supporting the many works of CCTXP with a donation of an item that is new or of artistic value. Gift certificates are welcome. **Call Vickey Velez, 806-663-9029, or Janie Street, 806-664-6533, to donate.**

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus" - Walk where Jesus walked...Cruise the Sea of Galilee...Visit Nazareth...Climb the Mt. of Olives & view the Old City of Jerusalem...Walk the via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre...visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.** This pilgrimage will take place **Jan. 15 through 24, 2018 (10 days)** and is hosted by Msgr. Joe Bixenman. **The cost is \$2999 per person from Dallas** (air/land tour is \$2599 plus \$400 government taxes/airline surcharges.) The tour price includes roundtrip air from Dallas, First Class hotels, Breakfast & Dinner daily, Comprehensive Sightseeing, Porterage, Entrance Fees and much more! For a detailed brochure, please contact Msgr. Bixenman at [bixenmanjoe6@gmail.com](mailto:bixenmanjoe6@gmail.com) or **806-681-1717.** **DON'T MISS THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!**

**BOOKLOVERS:** Father Ken Keller, Pastor of Holy Family Church, Nazareth, has generously donated a huge collection of books covering theology, scripture, liturgy, religious education, youth ministry, psychology, social work, resource books and fiction, along with several "self-help" books to the Diocesan Museum. **If anyone is interested in browsing, borrowing or purchasing any of these books, contact Susan Garner at the Diocese of Amarillo, 383-2243, and she will be happy to assist you.**

**ST. HYACINTH CHURCH, AMARILLO:** Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer, pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish, has instituted a prayerful **Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.,** and invites all to join in prayer for vocations as well as private intentions. The hour opens with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily followed with silent meditation, common prayer, concluding with Benediction. It is a very special time.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF**

Pastor .....Rev. John Valdez  
 Deacon .....Blaine Westlake  
 Deacon .....Phillip Whitson  
 Retired Deacon .....Jim Brown  
 Retired Deacon .....Terry Pevehouse  
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master..... Jim Gardner  
 Assistant Music Dir. ....Nicole Koetting  
 Religious Ed & Adult Faith Formation Director.....Kerry Acker  
 Parish Secretary .....Rita Walker  
 Facility Administrator .....Bryan Webb  
 Parish Bookkeeper .....Virginia Christian  
 Religious Ed Secretary .....Debi Banach  
 Parish Life Coordinator .....Julie Jones  
 Ministry Assistant .....Dayamin Winchester  
 Music Secretary .....Judith Tucker  
 Music Assistant .....Stephanie Gallegos  
 Facility Assistant .....Glen Starcher  
 Young Adult Coordinator .....Caleb Hubbard  
 Liturgical Environmentalist .....Julie Pierce

**Daily Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, August 6:**  
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9  
**Monday, August 7:**  
 Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21  
**Tuesday, August 8:**  
 Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36  
**Wednesday, August 9:**  
 Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 29-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday, August 10:**  
 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26  
**Friday, August 11:**  
 Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28  
**Saturday, August 12:**  
 Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20  
**Sunday, August 13:**  
 1 Kgs 19:9:1, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:**

Monday	8/7		NO MASS
Tuesday	8/8	6:00 PM	+Harvey Artho St. Thomas Men's Club
Wednesday	8/9	7:00 AM	+Troy Skarke Pat & Maggie Weinheimer
Thursday	8/10	7:00 AM	+Ed Homen Gary & Sharon Britten
Friday	8/11	7:00 AM	+Doris Kaczmarek Sherry Elton
Saturday	8/12	5:00 PM	+William Chrzanowski His Family
Sunday	8/13	7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
		9:00 AM	+Theresa Rider STA Prayer Shawl Ministry
		11:15 AM	+Rosa Ruiz Carrizo Family



## Religious Education News

### RE News

\*Get pre-enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year! Please turn in your blue form and fee any time this summer! Blank forms will be available outside the RE office on the bulletin board.

**\*Seeking catechists for the 2017-2018 school year! Check the bulletin and the website for details on where we need help.**

\*Contact Debi, RE secretary, 358-461, Ext. 107, for more info!

### RCIA News

+Interested in Catholicism and possibly joining the Church next Easter? Start your journey in our Inquiry class! Here are the summer class offerings in the library from 10:05-11:05 a.m.:

Aug. 13, Aug. 27

+Contact Dayamin Winchester at [dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org](mailto:dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org) or 806-358-2461 for more info on RCIA this summer!

## Adult Faith Formation

### CONTEMPLATIVE POWER HOUR

Every Monday 12:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel

Experience the Power of Silence

**ALL ARE WLECOME!**

*For more information, contact  
Dayamin Winchester  
[dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org](mailto:dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org)  
806-358-2461, ext 123*

## Week at a Glance

### MONDAY, AUGUST 7

6:30 p.m. - St. Thomas Men's Club - Chapel/Msgr. Tash Hall

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

2:00 p.m. - Summer Rosary Makers - Marian Room

6:15 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room

7:00 p.m. - Young Adults Summer - The Dwelling/Gym

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library

9:00 a.m. - Community Bible Study - Parlor

10:00 a.m. - Marianist Group - Marian Room

5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel

1:30 p.m. - Focolare Movement - Marian Room

6:30 p.m. - Light Weigh Orientation - Marian Room

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

4:00 p.m. - Cantor's Rehearsal - Music Wing

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

10:05 a.m. - Inquiry Class (RCIA) -Library

4:30 p.m. - Young in Spirit - Msgr. Tash Hall

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT DIOCESE OF AMARILLO:

The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for a **Facilities Management/Loss Prevention position**. Please visit [www.amarillodiocese.org/finance](http://www.amarillodiocese.org/finance) for a complete job description. Please send inquiries/resumes to [pwhitson@dioama.org](mailto:pwhitson@dioama.org).

**DIOCESE OF AMARILLO FAMILY LIFE OFFICE** is in need of Part-Time receptionist/assistant who is proficient in Microsoft Office with some experience in social media. Strong clerical and organizational skills. Ability to multi-task. Physical ability capable of some light lifting (15lbs). Send inquiries or resume to [sfrausto@dioama.org](mailto:sfrausto@dioama.org).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP):** Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, [www.nfpandmore.org](http://www.nfpandmore.org). Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that's easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70. We are listed at the U.S Bishops' website under NFP long distance learning: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>.

**TRANSFIGURATION**  

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